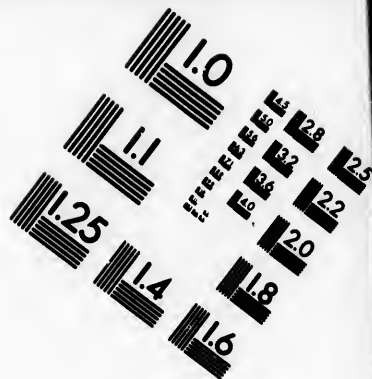


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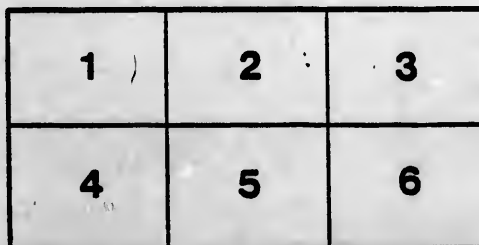
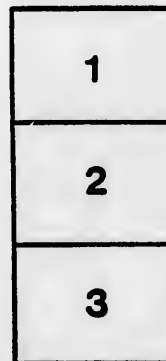
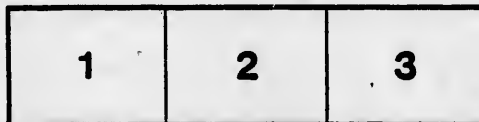
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CONSTITUTION

1901-1902

THE CONSTITUTION

THE CONSTITUTION
OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA

ARTICLE I

SECTION 1

ALL LEGISLATIVE POWERS

SHALL BE VESTED

IN A BODY OF SENATORS

AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SECTION 2

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SHALL BE COMPOSED

OF MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE

SECTION 3

THE SENATE SHALL BE COMPOSED

OF SENATORS ELECTED BY THE STATES

CONSTITUTION OF The Toronto Press Club



ARTICLE I.

The name of this Club shall be THE TORONTO PRESS CLUB.

ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1. The active membership shall consist of two classes.

SEC. 2. The first class shall include only those actually connected with the public press, either as proprietors, publishers, editors, reporters or business managers.

SEC. 3. The second class shall include regular paid contributors or correspondents, living

in this city, to journals published outside of Toronto ; and gentlemen engaged in literary pursuits other than journalism.

SEC. 4. Prominent authors or writers may be elected honorary members, after their names have been duly posted and reported upon by the Board of Directors. Such honorary members shall enjoy all the privileges of active members, except those of voting and holding office, provided that, upon the ballot for any person proposed for honorary membership, the ballot shall be unanimous.

SEC. 5. Any member who retires from the profession may continue as a member of the Club, in Class 2, upon the regular payment of his dues.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. The officers of the Club shall consist of a President, First and Second Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Financial Secretary, a

General Secretary, and six members, to be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the Club in the month of May of each year, all of whom shall constitute the Board of Directors. Five to form a quorum. They shall hold office for one year, or until their successors shall be duly installed.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the President, when present, to preside at all meetings of the Club.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the First Vice-President to preside at the meetings of the Club in the absence of the President; or in the absence of the First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President shall preside.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to take charge of the funds, and pay all bills passed by the Board of Directors.

SEC. 5. All moneys shall be deposited by the Treasurer to the credit of "The Toronto Press Club," in a bank to be approved of by the

Board of Directors, and no moneys shall be withdrawn from said bank without the cheque being signed by the Treasurer, and countersigned by the President.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary to collect all moneys due the Club, keep an account thereof, and turn the same over to the Treasurer once a week, taking his receipt for the amount.

SEC. 7. The General Secretary shall keep the books and records of the Club, and attend to the correspondence.

SEC. 8. The Board of Directors shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Club.

SEC. 9. When a vacancy or vacancies occur in any office or in the Board of Directors, either by death, resignation, removal from the city, or other cause, the vacancy shall be filled at the next regular meeting of the Club.

SEC. 10. If any officer of the Club shall absent himself from three consecutive meetings

of the Club without an excuse, the sufficiency of which shall be determined by the Club, his office may be declared vacant by a majority vote of the members present, and a new election shall be ordered; but no office shall be declared vacant until the General Secretary shall have mailed to such delinquent officer, seven days prior to the meeting at which such proposed action is to be taken, a notice thereof.

SEC. 11. If any member of the Board of Directors shall absent himself three times consecutively from the regular meetings of the Directors without an excuse, the sufficiency of which shall be determined by the Directors, his place may be declared vacant by such Directors, and the vacancy may be filled in accordance with Sec. 9 of this Article.

SEC. 12. The rooms shall be in charge of a Rooms Committee, who shall have control of them, and who shall have power to incur

necessary expenditures, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 1. Application for membership must be made in writing and signed by the applicants, and their names shall be posted on the bulletin board by the proposer for a period of at least two weeks before action thereon is taken by the Club. The Board of Directors shall canvass the names and report at the meeting at which said names are to be voted upon.

SEC. 2. No person shall be admitted to active membership in Class 1 in this Club against whose admission one-third of those present at the meeting cast their votes; nor in Class 2 when two black balls have been cast against him. No person whose name has been rejected shall be eligible for membership until after the lapse of six months from the date of his rejection. All applications for

membership shall be accompanied by the initiation fee in cash, which shall be deposited with the Financial Secretary.

SEC. 3. Any member guilty of ungentlemanly or unprofessional conduct, or of violation of any rule of the Club, may be fined, suspended or expelled by the Board of Directors. Any member so fined, suspended or expelled, shall have the right of appeal to the Club, which may, at any regular meeting, by a two-thirds vote, overrule the action of the Board of Directors.

SEC. 4. All elections for membership shall be by ballot, and every member present must deposit a ballot.

SEC. 5. Persons failing to sign the Constitution shall not be permitted to enjoy the privileges of the Club.

SEC. 6. Members of Class 1 shall enjoy all the privileges of the Club. Members of Class No. 2 shall enjoy the privileges of the

rooms and in conducting the business of the Club; but shall not be entitled to any special privileges granted to working members of the press.

ARTICLE V.

SEC. 1. This Constitution may be amended at the regular meeting in July, or the annual meeting in January, all amendments to the same to be handed in, in writing, two weeks prior to such meeting, and to be posted in the Club rooms where they can be seen by the members. Such amendments to be adopted by a two-thirds vote.



BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

SEC. 1. Annual meetings shall be held on the first Saturday of January in each year. Regular meetings shall be held on the first Tuesday of every month at four o'clock, and special meetings may be called by the General Secretary at the written call of any five members of the Club; and shall, without question, give notice to members at the request of those authorized to order such meetings, stating the objects thereof. At the annual meeting the Treasurer and Financial Secretary of the Club shall present reports of the financial condition of the Club, and the other officers such reports of their action, with suggestions, as they may deem for the best interests of the Club.

SEC. 2. Seven members shall constitute a quorum to transact all business at regular and special meetings.

ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1. The initiation fee shall be three dollars, and the dues \$1.50 per quarter for resident and \$2 a year for non-resident members, payable in advance, for active members. Any member may commute his dues by the payment of fifty dollars in one sum, which shall entitle him to life membership, or by the payment of five dollars for a year's subscription; but this sum of five dollars is not to include the initiation fee. The initiation fee shall include the dues for the month in which the member is elected. In the case of non-resident members the initiatory fee shall include the dues for the first year.

SEC. 2. The Board of Directors shall have power, by unanimous vote, to remit dues in cases of deserving members, on account of sickness, or for other good and sufficient reasons.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. After three months' non-payment of dues, members so defaulting, and disregarding notice of their indebtedness, shall be suspended, and after three months' further non-payment of dues, their names shall be dropped from the roll of membership; but if at any time within six months after such name shall have been dropped from the roll such person shall pay up all arrears, to the time of his readmission, including the dues for the time during which he was suspended, his name, with the concurrence of the Board of Directors, shall be restored to the roll.

SEC. 2. Members whose names are dropped, and who do not apply for reinstatement within six months, shall, if they afterwards apply for readmission, be subject to all the requirements of Art. IV. of the Constitution as if they had never been members of the Club; but no such

person shall be eligible for membership until he shall have paid up all arrears, if any, which he may have owed to the Club when his name was dropped from the roll.

ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 1. There shall be a Visiting Committee of three, appointed by the President, whose special duty it shall be to visit sick members or those requiring assistance, and to report upon any case demanding the consideration of the Club.

SEC. 2. There shall be an Amusement Committee, composed of five members elected by the Club, one of whom shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and shall hold the position of chairman of the Committee. The especial duties of this Committee shall be to arrange for all amusements or entertainments, and they shall report to the Board of Directors any expenditures required.

SEC. 3. There shall be a Rooms Committee of three members elected by the Club, one of whom shall be a member of the Board of Directors.

SEC. 4. Two auditors shall be elected at the first regular meeting preceding the annual meeting.

ARTICLE V.

SEC. 1. All questions not otherwise provided for shall be decided by majority vote, the President voting only when a tie occurs.

ARTICLE VI.

SEC. 1. The moneys of the Club shall be applied to the actual necessary current expenses, in accordance with the discretion of the Club. Appropriations for benevolent purposes may be made by the Club at any general or special meeting, by a three-fourths vote of the members present, and shall be made in accordance with the exigencies of the occasions.

SEC. 2. These by-laws may be amended at any regular or called meeting of the Club, by a three-fourths vote of the members present, two weeks' notice being given of the intention to alter such by-laws, such amendment to be posted in a conspicuous place in the rooms of the Club.

RULES OF ORDER.

The order of business at meetings of the Club, or its Executive, shall be as follows :

1. Reading of minutes.
2. Communications.
3. Business arising out of minutes.
4. Unfinished business.
5. Reports.
6. Election of members or officers.
7. New business.
8. Notices of motion.

